

Town of Bridgewater, Massachusetts

Community Preservation Committee

Meeting Minutes
May 24, 2023



Community Preservation Committee

Gina Guasconi, Chair
Recreation Commission

Carlton Hunt, Vice-Chair
Citizen at Large

Maureen Minasian
Open Space Committee

Stacy Driscoll
Housing Authority

Patrick Driscoll
Planning Board

Harry Bailey, Jr.
Conservation Commission

Geoff Merriman
Historical Commission

William Smith
Historic District Commission

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Affordable Housing Trust

A. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by the Chair at 6:34

Members Present: Gina Guasconi, Carlton Hunt, Geoff Merriman, Patrick Driscoll, William Smith, Stacey Driscoll, Maureen Minasian

Members Absent: Harry Bailey

Guests Present: Barbara Morey

B. Chairs Announcements

The chair and vice-chair continue to meet with the Town Manager prior to CPC meetings.

C. Public Comments – None.

D. Approval of Meeting Minutes – March 23, 2023

March 23, 2023

The minutes will be voted at the next CPC meeting.

April 26, 2023

The minutes will be voted at the next CPC meeting.

E. Review of Financial Reports

There were no notable changes.

F. Old Business

Applications Received

Broad Street Properties Purchase

The Town Manager will have information to vote on for the June meeting.

Congregational Church Phases 2 and 3

The deed restriction is still being worked on between the town attorney and P.A.L.

Funded projects Update

Active Projects

Memorial Building

Carlton Hunt motioned to take the Memorial Building discussion out of order which was duly seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

The Town Manager presented the details of the change order of \$95,000 for the back stairway to the building.

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Carlton Hunt motioned to approve the unanticipated cost of \$95,000 for the stairway, from the historic reserve of the CPA account with the stipulation of the maintenance plan is received by the end of the year which was duly seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

Taking of Summer Street (Mobil Station) Property

An ad-hoc committee has been appointed to discuss the use of the property which includes a member from BSU and CED Director Robert Rulli

Housing Authority – Hemlock Drive Windows and Exterior Improvements

There are no new updates.

Old State Farm Trails

The surveying has been completed.

Parthenon Frieze

Marilee Hunt has submitted the first bill for shipping. The company that is handling the transportation also specializes in installation.

Projects Ready to be Closed

Library Archival Project

The committee is waiting for a final report.

Pickle Ball Courts

The committee is waiting for a final report.

Memorial Building

This project can be closed out.

McElwain Building

The committee is waiting for a final report.

Anticipated Projects – Eligibility forms approved, application not received

Hanson's Farm

The additional surveying has been completed. A map of the plot will be shared with the committee at the next meeting.

Carlton hunt Motioned to approve \$12,000 for the survey of the Hanson Farm Conservation areas from the admin account FY23 account which was duly seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

Methodist Church

Quotes are being obtained for the proposed work.

Jennings Hill

William Smith motioned to rescind the \$6,500 award designated for the restoration of the tomb stones at the Jennings Hill Cemetery. The motion was approved unanimously.

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Completion of Documents

The policies and procedures document has been sent to the committee for review. This will be voted on at the next meeting.

New Business

CPC Signage

There are about 25 project locations that have received CPC funding. Carlton Hunt will reach out to the CPA Coalition for recommendations on handling recognition of “CPC Funded” signage.

Annual Hearing

The committee will look into hiring a consultant to assist with the annual hearing and the CPC 5-year plan.

Committee Representative Reports

Parks and Recreation

Extra pickle ball courts are being looked into.

Historical District Commission

No updates.

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No updates.

Conservation Committee

No updates.

Open Space

No updates.

Planning Board

No updates.

Public Comment - None

The next meeting will be held on June 28th at 6:30 p.m.

Adjourn – The meeting was adjourned at 8:12

Carlton Hunt motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:12 p.m. which was duly seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

Submitted by: Joshua McGraw